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PHI BETA KAPPA

COLONEL GEORGE HARVEY INITIATED

Hundred and Fortieth Anniversary of Society—
W. C. Ferguson Taken in—Reception in
Library—Mr. Hughes Presides

The annual anniversary of the founding of the Phi Beta Kappa Society at William and Mary December 3, 1776, was celebrated here last Tuesday night a week. Before the initiations was held, a public program distinctly literary in its nature was rendered in the College Chapel. Colonel George Harvey, editor of the North American Review, was the distinguished speaker of the occasion, and W. Kavanaugh Doty, a graduate of William and Mary and founder of The Flat Hat, read a poem of his own production entitled "Pocahontas." This is the first effort of a poet to honor the daughter of Powhatan with verse. R. M. Hughes, of Norfolk, presided over the meeting.

Colonel Harvey's address dealt with the idiosyncracies of several modern American authors. In illustrating the peculiarities of Henry James, Samuel Clemens, Eugene Fields and James Whitcomb Riley,

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W. H. Thomas has left College on account of sickness.

SIGMA UPSILON INITIATIONS

The fall initiations of Gordon-Hope chapter of Sigma Upsilon were held last Saturday night at the Hansford House. On this occasion M. Hobson, J. P. Ingle, F. I. Joyner and G. M. Nickelson were made members. Each of these men have been lending their efforts toward literary productions, several of which are very creditable and will find publication in the Literary Magazine.

Dr. Wilson was the only honorary member present and he held the high score of the evening in telling jokes. An informal supper was served with T. G. Pullen as Toastmaster. The new men when called upon responded in a manner that kept no one in doubt as to whether or not the toasts were extemporaneous. At a late hour the initiates were shown that "there is no royal road to Sigma Upsilon."

INDIANS WIN

LOCAL QUINT SURPRISES U. T. S.

Coach Hubbard's Men Pass Well—Murry, Ellis and White Star—Final Score
Thirty to Twelve

William and Mary's fast quint had little trouble in defeating the Union Theological Seminary team Thursday night 30 to 12. The visitors were first to score, white registering a goal shortly after the whistle blew. White played an unusually fast game throughout and with the exception of two points by Snydersnicker made the total score for his team.

The Indians played one of the prettiest passing games witnessed on the home floor, and it was largely due to this style of play that without apparent effort they continually added points to their credit. The first half ended with the score 8 to 7 in favor of Coach Hubbard's basketballers, Murry and White talking the entire number of points for their respective teams. After a breathing spell both teams came back for the second half with "pep" and determination. Within the next five minutes of play the Indians scored twelve points and from that time the contest was never in doubt.

Ellis came next in scoring to Murry with three goals. In the second period Coach Hubbard gave several new men a tryout and their work was worthy of commendation. This game before the holidays will enable the coach to get a good line on the men early in the season, and is a good indication of another championship quint.

Score:
W. & M. Position U. T. S.
Geddy.....r f.....Symonds (capt.)
Murry.....l f.....White
Robertson.....c.....Snydersnicker (capt.)
Copeland.....r g.....Thompson
Mattox.....l g.....Amick

Summary: Substitutions, Ellis for Geddy, Crigler for Copeland, Somers for Mattox; goals from field, Ellis 3, Murry 8, Robertson 2, Mattox 1, White 3, Snydersnicker 1; goals from foul, Murry 2 out of 4; White 4 out of 9; referee, Ferguson, (W. & M.); time of halves, 20 minutes.

George Ben Geddy has returned to spend the Christmas holidays with his family in town

GLEE CLUB CONCERT

WELL BALANCED PROGRAM RENDERED

"Sister" Underwood in the Limelight—Mandolin Club and Quartet Perform—Entertainment Declared High Class

Friday evening the College Glee and Mandolin clubs gave a concert that will be recorded as one of the large events of the year. The entertainment was high class and unique, to say the least. Anyone who was fortunate enough to be present will not have to think a second time why a glee club bears such a title. The Mandolin club rendered several selections with melodious strains that were altogether pleasing, and the College quartet gave another exhibition of their vocal art. Professor Crawford deserves unlimited praise in developing to such a high standard local talent. The program was a creditable reflection upon our College.

The stage was fitted up as a drawing room, in which "Sister" Underwood with her usual feminine proclivities welcomed as her guests for the evening the other members of the Glee Club. The selections were announced by an automatic megaphone which was put into operation by a Ford-cranking process.

Among the numbers given by the Glee Club were:

"Wandering Singers Patrole."
"Old Black Joe."
"Owl and Pussy Cat."
"Monkey Kissed the Baboon."
"Crossing the Bar."

By the Quartet:

"Birds and Beasts were there."
"Several Catastrophes."
"Sweet and Low."
Solo by R. A. Brayshaw:
"Haunts of the Witches."

The concert was concluded by an artistic rendition of "Alma Mater".

"Conductor," complained a lank spinster passenger, "that man across the aisle is winking at me."

"He says he doesn't mean to do it," explained the official; "he is trying to keep the eye that's turned shut."—Exchange.

"So that pretty convasser sold you a book, eh?"

"No, she sold me a couple of smiles and threw the book in."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

VESPER SERVICE

DR. FREEMAN SPEAKS ON TRUTH

Special Music for Occasion—Foster Barnes Sings
—Rev. Laughton Takes Rev. Newbury's
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A beautiful service was held in the Chapel Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the second of the College vespers. The program was well arranged. It consisted of soothing evening hymns by the audience, special chorus and solo features, and a spicy address.

The music for the occasion was especially good. The College Glee Club sang "Crossing the Bar" which brought forth the admiration of the entire audience. The other musical number was the solo by Mr. J. Foster Barnes, who was formerly a student of William and Mary. Mr. Barnes was a good singer when in College, but since he has been training his voice for the past three years the people of Williamsburg heard him again with peculiar pleasure. With his selection, "Hold thou my Hand," he acquitted himself in a manner that should make any one envy him.

The main feature of the service

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EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

At the State Educational Conference held in Richmond week before last, William and Mary had a preponderant representation. No less than 135 graduates of our college were present on that occasion, and they were among the leading participants on the program. Dr. J. A. C. Chandler delivered a scholarly address on educational work. Several of our professors attended the conference and were busy either on the platform or in the committee rooms. Doctors Calhoun and Hall have told us about the banquet in such a manner as to put a Thanksgiving dinner to shame.

Dr. Ritchie in a few words gave some reasons why he held William and Mary students on a par with those of the largest universities and why he liked to be called a William and Mary professor. The conference was a great stimulus and help to those concerned with educational problems throughout the state.

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STUDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

The plan recently suggested by one of our students for aiding some unfortunate young man in securing a college education is worthy of our consideration. It proposes to establish a fund to be lent at the discretion of a student committee to a student in need of pecuniary aid. Only a small rate of interest will be required. The sum may be raised by a free-will offering of about one dollar per student. It is a scholarship of the students, by the students and for the students.

At a meeting of a committee appointed by B. L. Williams, originator of the plan, for determining its advisability, a unanimous decision in its favor was rendered. The next step was to decide upon a means of putting the scheme into operation. This matter was left undetermined.

In this connection we would propose that the present committee bring the plan before the student body for discussion. If it is approved a committee for collecting the offering should be elected from the student body at large. In future years arrangements for the collections may be perfected by having the students sign pledge cards at the beginning of the session. The fund would grow as the years pass and in ten years it would be sufficient to accommodate that number of students. The plan is progressive, not static in its nature.

This students' scholarship is a novel idea but is founded upon true principles of altruism. It is not an assessment but an appeal to the benevolent character of the students, who are more fortunate than their fellow countryman. William and Mary is renowned for her priorities.

Would the addition of a students scholarship to the list make it less enviable?

Before leaving drop by the Flat Hat office and allow us to fill your grip with best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

JOHNNIE'S PONY

1

Johnie had a little pony.
Bound in a cover black;
Every time he studied Latin,
He would mount upon his back.

2

The pony was a spiteful trick,
But soon he learned to drive,
Which made the going all the easier
For little Johnie Clive.

3

Johnie wouldn't ride alone
All his friends he took into the buss;
The pony kicked and bucked
And, Oh, how they did cuss.

4

Alas! Examinations came
And great the turmoil grew,
Because the pony broke the traces
And down the road he flew.

5

Johnie had to make the trip,
But he had to go alone;
He couldn't ride nor drive,
His hopes were all forlorn.

6

On foot he started out
To perform the task at hand.
But darkness covered little Johnie
Ere he reached the promised land.

THANKSGIVING GERMAN

The German Club gave its Thanksgiving dance last Friday evening in the College gymnasium. The Hall was tastefully decorated for the function with the College colors in predominance. Seals of each of the fraternities were suspended on the walls, while orange and white bunting was drawn from the center to sides of the hall, giving an effect not unlike a huge inverted umbrella. Beneath this rich canopy the charms of Terpsichore held sway until the early hours of the morning. This german attracted a large number of the fair sex from the nearby cities, Norfolk, Richmond, Newport News, Portsmouth and Washington were drawn upon for those dreamy-eyed damsels, who "trip the light fantastic toe." Fully forty couples interwindingly found their way around the floor in measured step to the melodious strains of Hulcher's orchestra. Time was the only lacking element and the dance spirit was fresh at the playing of "Home Sweet Home," and the departure of mystic muse. A delightful repast was served earlier in the evening.

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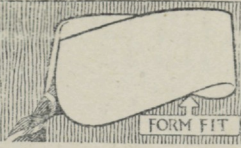
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was the address by Dr. Douglas Freeman. Dr. Freeman is the editorial writer for the News Leader, and is known to all who read his editorials as a brilliant man. He was introduced by Prof. Clark as his class-mate at Richmond College, but Mr. Freeman having gone to John Hopkins University for his doctor's degree Prof. Clark said that he had not seen him since their graduation. Prof. Clark said that Mr. Freeman was the orator of their class, and it was fitting that the professor should introduce the editor and the orator.

Dr. Freeman took as his subject and text "What is truth?" After an introductory remark about the historic atmosphere of Williamsburg, in which he urged the people of the city to preserve their traditions and keep a city unique in America, he launched into his discussion. "Truth," he declared, "is according to the idea of the individual. The Mutt and Jeff cartoon is for the child a true picture while it would take a grand work of art to be truth for the talented artist." Absolute truth is the goal toward which all the lower forms of truth are evolving was the thought that Dr. Freeman tried to have the audience grasp. "Truth is looked at from many angles, and the conceptions of it rise in proportion as the individual's idea of it grows. While it is true," he said, "truth is unity, yet it has many aspects."

The Rev. Mr. Laughton, the new Methodist minister, of this city, was introduced to the students on last Tuesday morning when he made his first appearance at the chapel service. Mr. Laughton is the successor of Mr. Newbury, and while the students had grown to love Mr. Newbury and hated to give him up, we feel that Mr. Laughton will be a valuable asset to the college community. If we may judge from his chapel talks, there is no doubt that the program committee will have him again soon.

RULE OF THREE

Park Bench—twain!
Girl and swain—
Hour of ten.
Now and then,
Quiet grasp
Of hand clasp.
Souls rejoice,
Without voice;
Oh the bliss
Of one kiss.
Horrors now!
Ere the vow,
Bright flashlight—
Wow, good night!

Freshy: "What is the most nervous thing besides a girl?"

Soph: "Me besides a girl."

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ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday night the Athletic Council made recognition of the work done by members of the football team by awarding monograms to Close, Edwards, Reid, Garber, Burford, Ellis, James, Fenters and Manager Heflin. Copeland, Goslee, Mattox and Robertson are to receive stars for having played in former years.

At this meeting A. L. Lassiter and A. H. Goslee were nominated as candidates for the assistant managership in basketball. Goslee was elected by a vote of the students in chapel Tuesday morning.

ACADEMY SCHEDULE

The Academy basketball schedule is as follows:

Dec. 15, Portsmouth—Home.

Jan. 12, N. N. H. S.—Home.

Jan. 19, Driver H. S.—Home, pending.

Feb. 2, N. N. H. S.—Newport News.

Feb. 3, Portsmouth H. S.—Portsmouth.

Two games with Old Point are dates pending.

Ladies admitted free.

The management of the Palace Theater is arranging to put on the screen pictures of the Thanksgiving football game taken at Norfolk by the Paramount Film Co. Pictures of the coaches, and individual as well as collective pictures of the teams were taken. This production will probably be shown in January and should be of large interest to football enthusiasts in Williamsburg.

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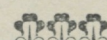
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the speaker with a talented use of humor developed an interest on the part of his audience that was an appropriate setting for his later literary criticism. Then Colonel Harvey gave a solution to the question: What is the tendency of American literature today? "There is no tendency. Literature is the mirror of the emotions of the people and as such is spasmodic," declared the speaker. "At present we are passing in the literary realm from Romanticism to the Realism. It is hazardous to predict the next development, but there are indications that it will be Fraternalism. The American heart is ready to make a response to suffering humanity." In his concluding remarks, Colonel Harvey assured the audience that he looked upon being initiated into Phi Beta Kappa as one of the happiest things that could come into his life, then bowing to the members seated on the rostrum said, "I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

The other initiates include, F. Shield McCandish, Dr. Walter E. Vest, G. L. H. Johnson, Dr. Hugh S. Cumming and W. C. Ferguson. With the exceptions of Colonel Harvey and Dr. Cumming all the initiates are graduates of William and Mary. Congressman Carter Glass accepted an invitation to become a member of the local chapter but was unable to be present to receive his key because of the convening of congress. The initiation was followed by a reception in honor of the guests.

PERSONAL MENTION

Among the old students who attended the Thanksgiving German were: W. W. Winsboro, P. P. Taylor, J. M. Presson, A. Beale, H. L. Harris, R. L. Combs, G. P. Green, Roberts, and Blackwell.

"Dolph" Graham, an old W. & M. summer school student, spent the week-end at College.

S. H. Hubbard has returned to his position, after a week's absence on account of the death of his sister and sickness of his father.

HE FIXED HIS DATES

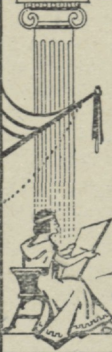
Landlady—"I'll give you just three days in which to pay your rent.

Stude—"All right. I'll take the Fourth of July, Christmas and Easter.—Ex.

BUT NOT A HARVESTER

Teacher: "Man is a human machine."

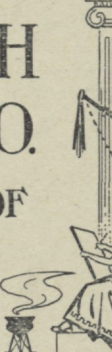
Little Willie (excitedly): "Yes'm, my father's a threshing machine."—The Christian Herald.



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